

**LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Item No. 1E
Mtg. Date May 15, 2018
Dept. Fire Department

Item Title: Amendment to Heartland Communication Facility Authority Joint Powers Agreement adding Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Indians as a Member Agency

Staff Contact: Colin Stowell, Fire Chief

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution (**Attachment B**) amending the Heartland Communications Facility Authority Joint Powers Agreement (**Attachment C**).

Item Summary:

This is an amendment to the current Heartland Communications Facility Authority (HCFA) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) that has been in place since 1986 and was last amended in 2016. This amendment allows the Viejas band of the Kumeyaay Indians to join the HCFA JPA as a member and sets the terms and conditions thereof.

Fiscal Impact:

Lemon Grove's HCFA assessment is paid for by the City's General Fund. Adoption of this agreement slightly increases the fees charged to the City of Lemon Grove for services. The cost increase for FY 2018/2019 is \$215.

Environmental Review:

☒ Not subject to review

☐ Negative Declaration

☐ Categorical Exemption, Section

☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration

Public Information:

☒ None

☐ Newsletter article

☐ Notice to property owners within 300 ft.

☐ Notice published in local newspaper

☐ Neighborhood meeting

Attachments:

A. Staff Report

B. Resolution

C. Contract Amendment

LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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Staff Contact: Daryn Drum, Division Chief

Discussion:

The City of Lemon Grove is a member of the Heartland Communications Facility Authority Joint (HCFA) Powers Authority (JPA) which provides fire and emergency medical dispatch services to member and contract agencies. The original Agreement has been in effect since June 25, 1986 and last amended in 2016. The amendment to this agreement allows The Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Indians (Viejas) to join the JPA as a member. The addition was agreed to by the Management Advisory Committee and Board of Chiefs, and approved by the Heartland Communications Facility Commission at their meeting of April 26, 2018. Allowing Viejas into the JPA will help insure the financial health and stability of HCFA into the future.

The changes to the document provides for the following:

1. Allows Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians to become a member of the JPA.
2. Outlines the expense allocations for this action, including a savings of \$4,776 for Viejas in the first year.
3. Provides for a Buy-In-Fee of \$3,733 as indicated. This cost will be applied to a HCFA reserve account for long-term debt/liabilities and was not used to offset member assessments.
4. Provides an effective date of June 1, 2018.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution (**Attachment B**) approving the amended HCFA JPA agreement which allows The Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Indians to join HCFA as a member agency.

Attachment B

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE CURRENT HEARTLAND COMMUNICATIONS FIRE AUTHORITY AGREEMENT TO ALLOW THE VIEJAS BAND OF THE KUMEYAAY INDIANS TO JOIN AS A MEMBER AGENCY

WHEREAS, the City of Lemon Grove is a member of the Heartland Communications Facility Authority; and

WHEREAS, The Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Indians desires to join Heartland Communications Facility Authority as a member agency; and

WHEREAS, The Heartland Communications Facility Commission has approved the amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California:

1. Approve the amendment to the Heartland Communications Facility, Joint Powers Agreement allowing The Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Indians to join as a member agency.

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